

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Ecker, <i>et al.</i>	
Serial No.:	10/660,998	Group No.: 1637
Filed:	09/12/03	Examiner: S. Chunduru
Entitled:	Methods For Rapid Forensic Analysis of Mitochondrial DNA and Characterization of Mitochondrial DNA Heteroplasmy	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2008, due on or before December 18, 2008. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response, together with appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due at this time. The Commissioner is, however, hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No.: ISIS-10468.

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